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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 207
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A RESOLUTION To honor Shyrone Chatman of the University of
Memphis on his outstanding basketball career.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to recognize those
outstanding athletes who, through their remarkable exploits, bring honor to this State and serve
as an inspiration to Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Shyrone Chatman of the University of Memphis is one such estimable
basketball player, who will hold a prominent position in the rich lore of Tiger basketball; and

WHEREAS, A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Shyrone became the Tigers' starting
point guard eight games into this season and, without a true point guard to relieve him, played
164 of a possible 165 minutes in Memphis's first four Conference USA games; and

WHEREAS, Shyrone Chatman averaged 11.2 points, 2.9 rebounds and 5.7 assists per
game and connected on an amazing 45.3 percent from three-point range since becoming the
team's point guard; and

WHEREAS, During his outstanding Senior season, the 6'-4", 210 pound Chatman set
the tone for the Tigers' stifling defense; U of M's Coach, John Calipari, paid Shyrone the
ultimate compliment by stating, "Defense starts on the ball. How am I going to instill the attitude
and style of play without a point guard like him?"; and

WHEREAS, A crowd favorite who epitomizes hustle and unselfish play, Shyrone is a leader both on and off the court, as he is actively involved in his church and encourages his teammates and young people to also become involved; Team Trainer, Ray Burr, called Shyrone Chatman "as kind-hearted a guy as you ever want to meet. He would literally give you the shirt off his back"; and

WHEREAS, As a Senior, his outstanding play and wealth of experience keyed the resurgence of the University of Memphis basketball; following consecutive losing seasons, the Tigers compiled an impressive 21-15 record during the 2000-01 season and finished only one game out of first place in the Conference USA; and

WHEREAS, The Tigers' outstanding season earned them a berth in the National Invitational Tournament, and their performance peaked at just the right moment, allowing them to blitz through the field to reach the tournament's Final Four, held at the famed Madison Square Garden in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The University of Memphis garnered a third-place finish in the tournament, finishing as one of only three Division I teams to end their year with a postseason victory; and

WHEREAS, For years to come, faithful Tiger fans will fondly recall the many gutsy performances of Shyrone Chatman and his penchant for motivating fans and teammates alike; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we now pause in our deliberations to honor this talented young man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize Shyrone Chatman on his outstanding collegiate basketball career and join with his family, friends, teammates, and coaches in thanking him for his numerous contributions to the University of Memphis basketball community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much happiness and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Shyrone Chatman with this final clause omitted from such copy.